

# OPERATORS WILL FIELD NOTHING

Question of Whether There Shall Be Arbitration Only Thing to Arbitrate.

## LETTER SENT TO MITCHELL

West Virginia Situation Considered at Meeting of International Executive Board.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, April 17.—A sub-committee of presidents of the anthracite coal-carrying railroads and mine operators held a meeting in this city today, and drew up a letter to President John Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers of America, in which the operators again insist that there is nothing to arbitrate except the question whether there shall be any arbitration. This reply is made in response to President Mitchell's recent amended proposition of arbitration. The operators do not, however, refuse point blank to accept Mr. Mitchell's latest plan. They assert that all the differences between the miners and their employers have been decided by the strike commission, and that there is no reason why another attempt should be made to arbitrate them. After describing the previous steps of the two sides and commenting upon the plans suggested by the miners the operators aver that the miners have rejected all their propositions, and that they have nothing further to offer.

**Nothing to Offer.**  
"The fundamental principles regarding the conduct of this business have all been established by the strike commission," the operators declare. "No reason is suggested why they should be retried. We have no further suggestions to make than those contained in our former propositions, and we regret that you have nothing further to offer."

The operators assert also that the miners' offer to waive formal recognition of the miners union, is not material and declare that the miners' proposition would increase the cost of domestic sizes of coal \$1.10 per ton.

### Executive Board Meets.

(By Associated Press.)  
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., April 17.—The international executive board of the United Mine Workers of America began a special session today to consider questions that have arisen out of the strike situation in the bituminous districts.

The proposition of the operators in the Kanawha field of West Virginia to pay an advance in wages of three per cent. instead of the 1003 scale was first taken up by the board and a message of instructions was sent to the representatives of the miners who were to meet tonight at Charleston, W. Va., in joint scale committee with the representatives of the operators. President Mitchell said the substance of these instructions could not be made public until they had been received in Charleston.

### Reject Proposition.

(By Associated Press.)  
CHARLESTON, W. VA., April 17.—In accordance with instructions received from the headquarters of the United Mine Workers at Indianapolis, through John Mitchell, today the representatives of the miners on the scale committee tonight rejected the proposition of the operators of the Kanawha Valley to pay a three per cent. advance in the present scale, instead of the 5.55 per cent. increase demanded by the miners.

### ONE KILLED; FIVE HURT IN AUTOMOBILE CRASH

(By Associated Press.)  
PHILADELPHIA, PA., April 17.—Robert J. Wright, a lawyer of this city, was killed and five other persons were severely injured in an automobile accident near Millville, N. J., today. The injured are Frank H. Mullen and Thomas J. Meagher, of Philadelphia; Roy Pannest, and Miss Sadie Murthing, of Millville, and the chauffeur's assistant. The party missed the last train from Millville for Philadelphia last night and started for this city in an automobile early this morning. A short distance outside of Millville, the automobile collided with a carriage and both vehicles were overturned. Wright was thrown several yards and struck a fence, crushing his skull, causing instant death.

### UNIVERSITY ALUMNI.

Celebrate Thomas Jefferson's Birthday With a Banquet.  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
NEWPORT NEWS, VA., April 17.—The alumni of the University of Virginia in this city and Hampton celebrated Jefferson's birthday to-night by giving an elaborate banquet at the Chamberlain Hotel. Among the speakers were H. G. Bickford, M. E. Glickerson, Dr. Vanderhorst, and other well known men of the Peninsula.

### PETERMAN'S ROACH FOOD.

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# TWO MORE DEATHS ON BATTLESHIP HERESY TRIAL IN CHURCH COURT

Chief Gunner's Mate and Electician Die From Effects of Injuries.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, April 17.—Two more deaths were reported to the Navy Department today as the result of the explosion on the battleship Kearsarge last Friday.  
A cablegram was received from the commander-in-chief of the United States Atlantic fleet, stating that Frederick Thomas Fisher, chief gunner's mate, died Sunday night, April 15th, and that James S. McAdams, electician, first-class, died April 16th. Fisher was a resident of San Francisco and McAdams, of New York. Rear-Admiral Evans has called the Navy Department that he has appointed a court of inquiry, consisting of Rear-Admiral Brownson, Captain Ingersoll, of the cruiser Maryland, and Lieutenant Commander Bradshaw, of the Kentucky, to investigate the accident.

### DEEP RUN HUNTERS.

Messrs. Scott and Hobson Made Good Ride.  
Mr. Blanchard S. Forbes, during the last week sold to Mr. Townsend Burwell of Clarke county, his bay mare, Quickstep, six years old. The mare was considered one of the best hunters in the Deep Run Hunt Club, and she will be missed by the hunting contingent of this city. Mr. Forbes won several two-mile races with her at the Deep Run Hunt Club, and last year and one of two match races as well. He captured the blue ribbon in the lightweight class for green hunters at the Richmond Horse Show last October, defeating such horses as Carnation, Shad and Sapollo, who was considered by many to be one of the best green hunters out last season. It is said that the price paid by Mr. Burwell for the mare was \$100. The mare has been shipped to Clarke county where Mr. Burwell will ride her behind the Blue Ridge hounds, of which Mr. Edward Butler is M. F. H.

Messrs. George Cole Scott and Corydon Hobson made a record ride from Petersburg to Richmond last night. Two members of the Deep Run Hunt had been hunting with the Blue Ridge hounds, near Petersburg, and on the day following the hunt started on the trip home. From the Appomattox River bridge to the bridge across James River is exactly twenty-two miles. The time made was exactly one hour and fifty-six minutes. Mr. Scott rode his "Fritz," and Mr. Hobson rode Mr. Scott's "Peggy."

### JUNIOR ORDER OF UNITED MECHANICS

Sixth Annual Session State Council—Business Completed in One Day.  
The sixth annual convention of the State Council of Virginia, Junior Order of United American Mechanics closed at 7:15 o'clock yesterday evening at Dahney's Hall after a day's session. It was one of the most interesting, as well as the largest session, the State body has ever held.

The following visitors were present: Junior Past National Councilor W. E. Faison, of North Carolina; Z. P. Smith, editor of the American, of North Carolina; Smith W. Bennett, of Ohio, and Stephen Collins, secretary manager of the funeral benefit department, of Pennsylvania.  
Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: State Councilor, J. W. Jones, of Virginia, No. 97; State Vice-Councilor, C. C. Sedgwick, Norfolk, No. 24; State Secretary, J. B. Boehm, No. 138; State Treasurer, J. H. Trimyer, No. 33; State Conductor, B. B. Holt, No. 106; State Council Warden, C. D. Baker, Hull, No. 104; Inside Sentinel, W. H. Cummings, of Outside Sentinel, E. J. Williams, of Industry, No. 22; Chaplain, Rev. W. W. Sawyer, No. 150; Trustees, T. T. Osborn, No. 22; W. H. Bowman, No. 97; F. C. Elliott, No. 33; Committee on Printing, V. M. Wilcox, Richmond.

Norfolk will be the place of meeting in 1907. Many of the members left Richmond yesterday evening, but the majority stayed over to enjoy a banquet which was held last night at Mrs. Coburn's. Sixty-six representatives attended the meeting, besides many past officers.

### VIRGINIA BRIEFS

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., April 17.—The market was crowded this morning with fish carts, bringing in herring, rock, sand, perch, bass and catfish from the Potomac. Fish of all kinds are now running freely and prices have taken a big drop.  
LYNCHBURG, VA.—The engine of the second section of an Easter excursion from Durham, N. C., last night, was derailed in South Lynchburg, delaying the train until about midnight. The excursionists, some six hundred in number, gave the police much trouble. Drunken rows resulted in twelve or fourteen arrests, and the aggregate of fines imposed against them was over \$100.  
STAUNTON, VA.—Mr. D. M. Kyle, charged with the murder of William Ryan, was given a preliminary hearing today and was admitted to bail in the sum of \$10,000 to appear before the Corporation Court May 1st. Mr. Kyle had been in giving bond, one of whom was ex-Lieutenant Governor Edward C. Schiele.

# STRIKE OF THE PHONE LINEMEN

Little Over One Third of the Linemen in Seven States Are Out.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
NORFOLK, VA., April 17.—Mr. Fairfax Montague, State superintendent of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telephone Company, who is here looking after the interests of his company on account of the strike of the linemen, said to-night: "When the linemen went on the strike the Southern Bell Company had in its entire territory, covering seven States, 998 linemen employed; of this number 387 were on the strike, and the remainder refused to join the strike and are now at work for the company."

"In the State of Virginia the company had, all told, 112 linemen, of which only forty-four joined the strikers. These forty-four were at work in Lynchburg, Norfolk, Hampton, Portsmouth and Newport News. The company's linemen at no other place in Virginia joined the strikers. We have now in Virginia, working for the company, 137 linemen, being only fifteen less than the entire number in the employ of the company when the strike went out."

The statements that the company's operators at Mobile, Tampa and Atlanta have joined the strikers, is absolutely without foundation, not a single operator at any place in the company's territory has joined the strike, and there is not the slightest indication that any of them will.

The cause of the strike, is the refusal of the Southern Bell Company to sign an agreement to employ only union men. There has been no disagreement of account of any kind of pay.

Nine linemen were out in Lynchburg, and this afternoon, two of these men called the Lynchburg manager and stated to him that the nine striking men had held a meeting and were unanimous in their refusal to be taken back by the company, and requested that all nine be allowed to go back to work at once.

### LYNCHBURG STRIKE.

Non-Union Linemen Fill Places, But Work is Handicapped.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
LYNCHBURG, VA., April 17.—Despite the fact that all the union linemen, twenty-three in number, of the Southern Bell Telephone Company here, have joined the strike, the local office is experiencing no trouble in keeping up the service in Lynchburg, as it has eight non-union linemen, who have not quit work.

The strike, however, has handicapped the company in installing new lines, as the system is working rapidly since the new service was installed.

### Atlanta Situation.

(By Associated Press.)  
ATLANTA, GA., April 17.—The situation in the strike of the Southern Bell Telephone Company today showed little or no change from yesterday. The strikers' demand was nearly 80 per cent. of their numbers in the Southern territory were out, and the ranks being constantly increased, while Colonel Gentry as confidently asserted that 347 men, linemen, only, in the Southern States, are out. The local office is experiencing no adjustment of the difference was made today, but Dale Smith, who is directing the strike for the linemen, declared that a speedy settlement might be reached, if the matter of open shop—a recognition of the union—should be granted by the company.

### TO ISSUE BONDS.

Barton Heights Holds Special Election to Decide Question.  
The special election to decide upon the bond issue problem passed off smoothly in Barton Heights yesterday with a majority of seventy to one in favor of the issue. Of the seventy-one votes cast, the single dissenting vote was said to be the result of a misunderstanding on the part of the voter, and otherwise the vote would have been unanimous.

The bonds are to be issued to the amount of \$15,000, and the proceeds from the sale of these will be used for the improvements of the streets, water mains, sewers, and grading of the town.

It was stated last night that the work on the new school which is to begin shortly the next few days, Rasland and slaughter secured the contract for \$23,000.

### OLD INDIAN FIGHTER.

John Saylo, Contemporary of Buffalo Bill, Dies at 83.  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
WINCHESTER, VA., April 17.—John Saylo, a famous Indian fighter, died last night of paralysis. He was a prominent farmer and was a dashing cavalryman in Abney's cavalry. He was thrown from his horse in Barktown in a skirmish with Sheridan's army, and was wounded. The Federals carried him in a nearby house and he lay for three days before he was recovered. He leaves a widow and five children.

### Miss Mary F. Budd.

The funeral of Miss Mary F. Budd took place this morning at 10 o'clock in the law, Mr. John B. Culpeper, at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning. The pall-bearers were Mr. H. W. Miles, Mr. Ernest Keese, Littleton H. Craig, George Fitzgerald, Traverses Eppe, Charles Harper and Dr. Barkdale.

On account of the illness of the Rev. Dr. Witherspoon the services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Eggleston, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Edwin Stewart.

### Mr. Lookabill Here.

Mr. L. E. Lookabill, a prominent citizen of Roanoke, is in the city, looking after some private business.

### Harvey Kent.

(By Associated Press.)  
EXETER, N. H., April 17.—Harvey Kent, a well-known cotton manufacturer, died today, aged eighty-nine years. Since 1885, Mr. Kent has been president of the Jester Manufacturing Company.

### Mrs. Nora Hopper Chesson.

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, April 17.—Mrs. Nora Hopper Chesson, poet and novelist, died today, aged thirty-five years.

# DEEP INTEREST IN MURDER TRIAL

John W. Richards Second Time Faces Jury for Killing Maurice Francis.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
ROANOKE, VA., April 17.—The trial of John W. Richards, the Floyd county school teacher, and former medical student at the University of Virginia, charged with the murder of his rival in love, Maurice Francis, of Roanoke, who was shot to death in a buggy while going to see his fiancée in July last, began in earnest this afternoon.

The attorneys for the defense sought for continuance, mainly on account of absent witnesses, but Judge Moffett issued rules for those who did not answer their summons, and a telephone message from this city at 3 o'clock settled the question. Deputy Sheriff Stump, who brought the witness, called the doctor, and the second trial was entered into with the following jury, selected from one hundred gentlemen from the west end of the county: M. E. Grogan, A. W. Stanley, P. M. Harman, J. P. Dickerson, C. P. Phlegan, Rufus G. Caldwell, T. D. Dunn, J. P. Bishop, W. C. Harman, J. D. Howell, J. W. Connor.

The interest in the case is as intense as it was at the first trial in October. Samuel H. Hoge, of Roanoke, presented the case to the jury for the prosecution, and H. H. Custer, of Danville, spoke in behalf of the accused, each stating what they expected to prove.

The first witness was James M. Connor, who found Francis, unconscious in his buggy with the shafts broken and the horse gone. He was badly mutilated about the body and face and his right eye was shot out. Francis was unconscious and he removed him to the residence of William Kropff. He afterwards regained consciousness, and when witness asked him who had shot him, he replied: "Jealousy is an awful thing, Richards."

Court adjourned with witness still on the stand. Over two hundred witnesses are in attendance.

The largest crowd that ever attended a trial in Floyd has gathered to listen to the testimony in this case. It is claimed that new evidence, damaging to the prisoner, has been discovered, since the first trial, last October, which resulted in a hung jury.

It is alleged that Richards' father, who swore his son was not absent from the Richards home on the day of the tragedy, was himself away from home all of that day and knew nothing of his son's whereabouts. Feeling against the prisoner has not abated, and interest in the case is as great as it ever was. The first trial lasted two weeks.

### SAM ANDERSON DIES.

And Isham White Held on Charge of Manslaughter.

Sam Winston Anderson, the negro who was shot in the abdomen Monday afternoon late by another negro named Isham White, died at the city home for the colored yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The shooting was done at the corner of Plum and Cary Streets, across the street from Conway's bar-room. Dr. Turman, who responded with the ambulance at the time, treated the negro and took him to the city hospital, where he was operated on by Drs. Trevillian and Vittori.

### Trees for Arbor Day.

Senator William Shands, of Southampton, has sent Governor Swanson some more to be planted on Arbor Day in the Capitol Square, and while they arrived a little late, they were planted yesterday. Private Secretary Ben P. Owens, Jr., contributed two oaks and they were promptly planted and named. One was named "Swanson" and the other "Owen."

### Rate Case Postponed.

The State Corporation Commission yesterday postponed the final consideration of the freight rate classification matter until June 1st.

The hearing was to have taken place yesterday, but went over after conference, until the date named.

### Personals and Briefs.

Mrs. V. A. Hurt and daughter, Miss Louisa Hurt, are visiting friends in Washington, D. C.  
Miss Annie Louise Schultz is spending a few days with the Misses Stubbs at Edgewood, in Hanover.  
Mr. Edgar MacPherson, of this city, returned yesterday from a short stay with a friend in Charlottesville.

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